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## News and Events

### **Convocation 2010 on the Web**

Missed Convocation 2010? Don't worry – the video of the awards ceremony and Dr. Maimon's *State of the University* address is now available for view on the [GSU website](#).

### **Got Questions?**

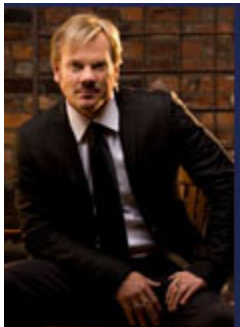


Next week, President Maimon will engage the university community during two separate discussions.

Join the conversation at the Civil Service Town Hall Meeting, on October 19, at 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Students are also invited to ask questions and share ideas at a special, student-focused discussion on October 19, at 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

### **Chart Topping Vassar at CPA**



Phil Vassar has written number-one hits for country music legends such as Tim McGraw, Alan Jackson, Jo Dee Messina, and Collin Raye, and he boasts many chart-toppers of his own. With unparalleled energy and boundless talent, Nashville singer-songwriter Phil Vassar is a legend in his own right.

See Phil Vassar at The Center for Performing Arts, on October 16, at 8 p.m. Good seats are still available. And be ready for some fun before the concert with free line-dancing lessons in the Hall of Governors beginning at 6 p.m.

For tickets, visit the Center box office, call 708.235.2222 or visit [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

## **Admission Office Temporarily Relocated**

During the renovations to the student services area in the front entrance atrium, the Office of Admission has been relocated to the modular adjacent of the C wing west entry. Service hours and contact information remain the same. For more information, call 708.534.4490 or email [gsunow@govst.edu](mailto:gsunow@govst.edu).

## **BSU Elections**

Elections for new officers for the Black Student Union (BSU) will be held on Wednesday, November 17, from 12:30 to 1 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The deadline for nominations to appear on the ballot is Friday, October 15. Nominations should be submitted via email to [Tina Hughes](#).

Elections will be held for president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The winners will be announced by Friday, November 19. Students must be members of BSU to vote. Students interested in joining BSU should attend the next meeting on Wednesday, October 20, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

## **Transportation Opportunities in Spotlight**

GSU will host the Chicago Southland Transportation Summit on Friday, October 22, at 9 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. The summit will provide a comprehensive look at the business opportunities that can be created through the Southland's unique access to national and world markets via rail, expressway, air, and waterway networks.

Joseph C. Szabo, administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and a GSU graduate, will give the keynote address.

Opening remarks will be provided by Mike Scholefield, Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation chair; Crete Mayor Michael Einhorn; and GSU President Dr. Elaine P. Maimon. Scholefield will moderate a transportation panel discussion and Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean of GSU's College of Business and Public Administration, will moderate a business panel discussion.

The summit is sponsored by CN. It is co-hosted by GSU, the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. [Conference registration](#) is available online.

## **DanceArt at GSU**

The mission of DanceArt is to bring high quality, inclusive dance education to children in the Chicago region. Their dedication to serving the

underserved and their commitment to providing accessible arts education for all children will be celebrated at a special presentation and live performance at The Center for Performing Arts on October 26. The event also celebrates DanceArt's 10th anniversary of serving the Chicagoland community.

*Transforming Urban Education through the Art of Dance* illustrates how dance education can speak to the multicultural student body in enriching and enlightening ways. It includes commentary by founder and social entrepreneur, Maria Gebhard, and performances by DanceArt's classically trained dancers, students from Clinton Elementary School in Chicago, and accompanying musicians. The performance illustrates how DanceArt uses dance to motivate, instruct, and inspire school children in a way that fosters a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

The presentation is from 5 to 6 p.m. at the CPA. A reception will be held immediately following the presentation. Both the performance and reception are free and open to the public.

This event is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture Series and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

For more information, contact [Dr. Chelsea Haring](#).

### **Election Issues Forum**

Understanding the issues is a key component deciding which candidates in an election best reflect your values and interests. The GSU graduate Political and Justice Studies program is sponsoring *America at the Crossroads and the Issues of the 2010 Election*, on Monday October 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors, to help clarify the issues and spur discussion.

The community forum will include a short presentation by the panelists on the key issues of the 2010 midterm elections and an open community discussion. Panelists include Assistant Professor Daniel Cortese, Associate Professor Donald Culverson, Assistant Professor Chelsea Haring, and Professor Larry Levinson.

The program will be followed at 7:45 p.m. with an open house on the graduate Political and Justice Studies program at GSU. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 4570.

### **Open House - COE**

The College of Education is hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the E wing atrium.

Program information will be offered on bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Psychology; and master's degrees in Counseling, Reading, Educational Administration, Early Childhood Education, Education, Multicategorical Special Education, and Psychology. Information will also be available on the new doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Admission requirements and financial aid opportunities will be discussed. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators and have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Applications will be accepted. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 708.534.4050.

### **Parent University at GSU**

The Family Development Center and the COE Department of Psychology and Counseling are sponsoring Parent University, a series of workshops pertaining to families, parenting, and raising children. The workshops are offered free to the community through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Several workshops will be offered each month. Topics include dealing with technology, bullying, step-parenting, coping with stress as a parent, nutrition, and much more.

The next workshop is *Winning the Whining War* led by Dr. Shannon Dermer on Wednesday, October 27, from 5 to 7:30 pm., at the Family Development Center. The workshop will assist parents with managing annoying, intolerable, and/or dangerous behaviors using easy-to-understand and easy-to-apply techniques.

For a list of all the Parent University workshops, visit the [Family Development Center website](#).

### **GSU/China Connection**



The *GSU/China Connection* presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Ruiz of COE has been changed to November 10, beginning at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Dr. Ruiz will introduce visiting Chinese faculty and students. Dr. Maimon will speak about her experiences in China this summer, specifically her visit to Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT). Dr. Ruiz will speak about multi-cultural psychology based on her interactions with colleagues at GDUT this summer. Everyone is welcome.

## **Regional Art Faculty Exhibit**

Area art professors and educators will have the opportunity to show off their creative endeavors at the 2010 Regional College and University Art Faculty Exhibition at the Governors State University Visual Arts Gallery through October 28.

Local college and university art instructors will be exhibiting their current work, including photography, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, digital imaging, drawing, and mixed media. Art faculty from Trinity College, Lewis University, Prairie State College, Saint Xavier University, Joliet Junior College, College of DuPage, South Suburban College, University of Saint Francis, Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, and Governors State University will exhibit their work.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit the GSU [Visual Art Gallery website](#).

## **Job and Intern Career Fair**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business administration, public administration, and communications. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

The 2010 Business, Administration, and Communications Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, November 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

## **Healthcare Inequity Conference**

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU will host a conference addressing the issue of healthcare inequity. The objectives of this conference are to highlight GSU research on the subject and community research models that work. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for the poster session on any topic area related to health inequity research particularly with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations.

The conference takes place on Friday, October 22, in the F wing atrium. The poster session will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Presenters will answer questions from 4 to 5 p.m.

Registrations will be processed based on available space. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

### **VALIC Representative Available**

John Olson of VALIC will be on campus Tuesday, October 19, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., in C3300 (CenterPoint conference room). Appointments are not required for retirement planning.

VALIC is one of four vendors Governors State University has authorized under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The others are TIAA-CREF, Fidelity and The Legend Group.



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